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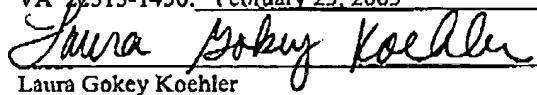
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The Examiner stated in the Office Action that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions: Group I, including claims 1-10, drawn to a method for a query selection criteria to one more attributes of relation and Group II, including claims 11-24 drawn to a method to form a multi-dimensional index for a group of attributes. The Examiner further stated that restriction to one of the above-listed groups is required under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I without traverse. Group I includes claims 1-10.

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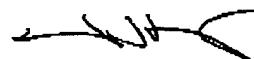
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